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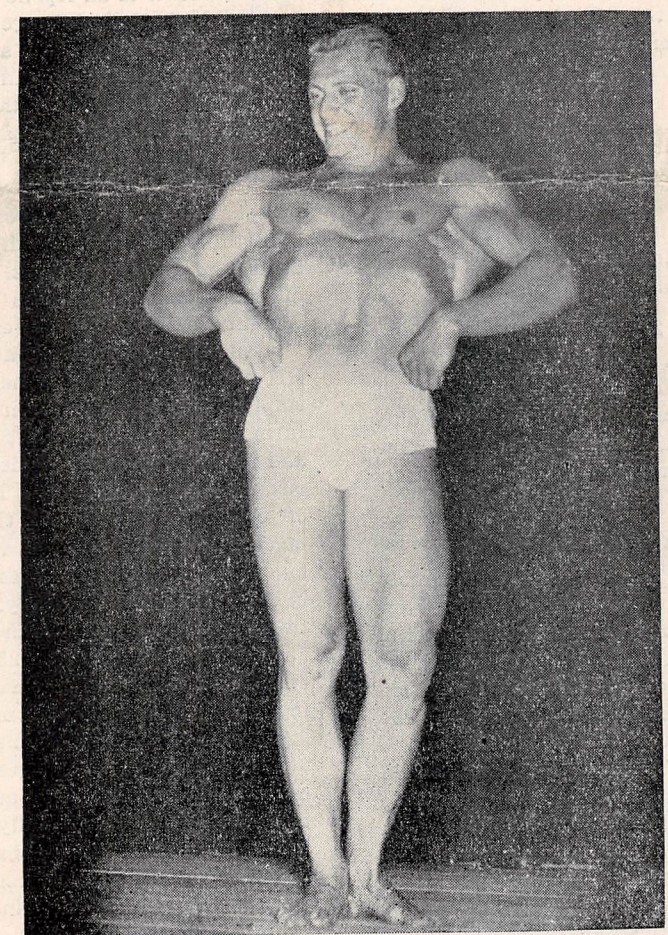
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## PLEASE!

Christmas is around the corner. As in past years, we want the Christmas and anniversary issues to be the largest of each year. With passing years, we hope to increase the size of each special issue. In order to do that we turn to our friends, asking their aid in form of additional subscriptions and congratulatory ads. Since it is read mostly by your friends, VILTIS would prove a good medium for extending your holiday wishes to them. We shall have a special column for Xmas greetings to your friends, 25 cents for each name. Larger space will be available according to the amount of money sent in; from a dollar up. Please send in your greetings as soon as possible, and let us make the next Xmas issue the best yet. Material and pictures galore from all over the world are being gathered to make that issue one of the finest ever . . . Vyts.

## Card Of Thanks

To Victor Kaupas and Paul Baltis for helping me in mailing out last month's VILTIS. Also, thanks to Eddie McNeil for his help in proof reading. And, of course, a perpetual thanks to Burton Lawrence for his invaluable help each month on VILTIS.

## Fairhope Church 50 Years Old

Altho Fairhope, Ala., is but 52 years old, last month the Christian Church of Fairhope (Interdenominational) celebrated its Golden Anniversary. Many notables and hundreds of guests attended this event. Fairhope now has 10 churches of various denominations.

## Alice Stephens Concert

On October 20th, the girl choir under the direction of Alice Stephens will present a recital of Lithuanian folk songs and semi-classic songs at the Lithuanian Auditorium, 3133 S. Halsted Street. This choir has won renown among the non-Lithuanian crowds, and their downtown recitals received praise from the critics. General folk and social dancing will follow the recital.

## Polish Harvet Festival Nov. 29-30th.

The Annual Polish Harvest Festival presented by the Northwestern University Settlement House, 1400 West Augusta Blvd. Will be held again, as in past years, during the Thanksgiving week-end. This festival has become the high point of the Settlement's activities, and attracts many visitors.

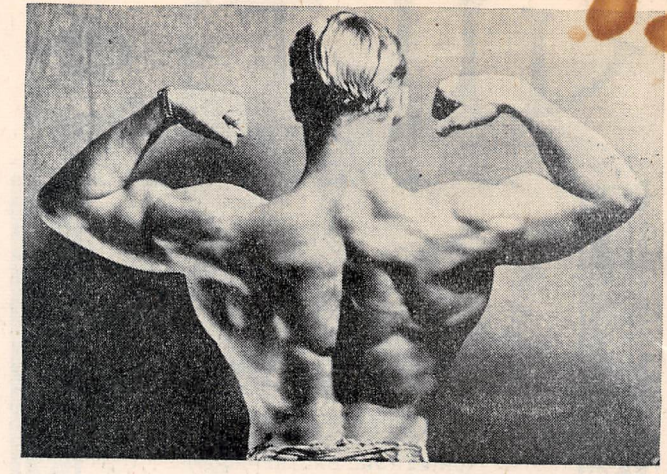
## Noted Young Pianist In Chicago Recital

Leonid Hambro, who won the coveted Naumber Award entitling him a piano recital at Town Hall, New York (to be given Oct. 21) presented the same recital in Chicago at Kimbal Hall on October 7th. Chicago is home town where he acquired his musical education largely from his musically accomplished father. The Naumber Awards are given outstanding musicians each year. For two years Leonid was with the Navy as an MM 1/C, and now may be heard over the New York radio station WQXR, which is devoted largely to concert music. Many recordings of the famous violinist Joseph Szygetti, include Leonid's accompaniment.

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## MR. AMERICA — ALAN STEPHAN-STEPONAITIS



Shoulder muscles of the Lith Adonis

All strength and physique magazines of the United States and Canada are agog about the new Apollo chosen as Mr. America for 1946 and claim that he is the best Mr. America yet. Leave it to the Lithuanians. Ray Van Cleff, associate editor of Strength and Health, writing in the August, 1946 issue, says:

"Mr. America". Stephan personifies all of the attributes that this title is symbolic of. In physique he is a combination of an Apollo and a Hercules; an ideal type. He is taller than average stature, graceful and manly carriage and his at ease attitude contributed to his distinguished appearance. All of these admirable qualities combined with the fact that he is unusually handsome make him a model of physical perfection. His facial countenance is handsome in a genuinely masculine way and registers intelligence, vigorous health and a winning personality. In appealing to the fair sex this Adonis can take the spotlight from the Robert Taylors, Frank Sinatra and Charles Boyers. He certainly had the hearts of the women spectators fluttering judging from the romantic sighs they were emitting.

Alan has a better than average hereditary background. His father possessed a herculean physique and it was employed to advantage in occupations needing brawn; farm work and employment in steel mills. Both his mother and father were born in Lithuania; a nation where vigorous people are prevalent. They immigrated to this land of opportunity when in their teens. They contributed much to this nation's most vital resource, healthy citizens, by being the parents of seven American children. Alan is the "baby" of the family. Has four older brothers and two sisters. His brothers are of average physical size.

Alan was born April 25, 1924 in Cicero, Illinois and, except for the years he served in our Armed Forces during the war, he has spent most of his life in Cicero. Living near to Chicago he has, of course, spent much time in the nation's second largest city. Attended the J. Sterling Morton High School in Cicero and graduated from this institution. Incidentally, Alan is another debunker of the slanderous "strong back and a weak mind" theory for his class marks were much above average.

In July, 1943 Alan joined the Navy. His boot camp training took place at Farragut, Idaho. It was here that Alan was "discovered" by Lt. Gustafson, the center's Public Relation Officer. This officer realized that this unusually handsome and impressively developed sailor would be an ideal model for publicity and propaganda purposes. Alan was then assigned to serve as a model for photographs and art work in the Navy. As a result

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